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1. LEFTIST "CUMHURIYET" AND CONSERVATIVE "TERCUMAN" CARRIED IDENTICAL ARTICLES MAY 6 ON THE ECEVIT GOVERNMENT'S EVOLVING NEW DEFENSE CONCEPT. THE ARTICLES STATE THAT A TASK FORCE OF SPECIALISTS FROM THE MINISTRIES OF DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ALONG WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TURKISH GENERAL STAFF AND THE STATE PLANNING ORGANIZATION HAVE

BEEN MEETING IN AN EFFORT TO PRODUCE THE BASIC "PRINCIPLES" OF THE NEW DEFENSE POLICY. WHILE STATING THAT THE NEW DEFENSE POLICY IS NOT RELATED TO THE PROSPECTS FOR LIFTING THE U.S. ARMS EMBARGO TO TURKEY, THE ARTICLE DOES SAY THAT THE EFFORTS OF THE TASK FORCE HAVE BEEN "ACCELERATED" IN VIEW OF THE "DANGER WHICH EMERGED IN LIFTING THE EMBARGO".

2. THE PRINCIPLES WHICH THE TASK FORCE IS WRITING ARE REPORTED TO INCLUDE:

A. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL DEFENSE INDUSTRY COMMENSURATE WITH ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL LIMITATIONS.

B. NATIONAL DEFENSE WILL INCLUDE PLANNING FOR THREATS WHICH ARE NOT OF DIRECT CONCERN TO NATO BUT WHICH CARRY GREAT IMPORTANCE FOR TURKEY "I.E. THE AEGEAN, CYPRUS AND THE ARMING OF GREECE".

C. "TURKEY WILL NOT BREAK AWAY FROM THE ALLIANCE (NATO) BUT WILL GIVE PRIORITY TO ITS OWN CONDITIONS WITH REARRANGEMENTS IT WILL MAKE" (SIC).

D. DETENTE AND REGIONAL CONSIDERATIONS WILL BE FACTORED INTO THE NEW DEFENSE POLICY.

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3. ONCE THE PRINCIPLES OF THE NEW DEFENSE POLICY ARE AGREED UPON THEY WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL FOR REVIEW AND FINALLY TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WHERE DIRECTIVES WILL BE ISSUED TO IMPLEMENT THE NEW POLICY. THESE DIRECTIVES, IT WAS REPORTED, WILL INCLUDE:

A. WHAT DEFENSE INDUSTRIES WILL BE ESTABLISHED AND HOW.

B. WHICH BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES WILL RECEIVE BUDGETARY EMPHASIS.

C. HOW LARGE AN AMRED FORCE WILL BE NECESSARY.

D. THE TYPE OF WEAPONS THAT WILL BE NECESSARY IN VIEW OF TURKEY'S ECONOMIC SITUATION.

4. TURKISH OFFICIALS ARE QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THESE DIRECTIVES WILL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION "THE NECESSARY FLEXIBILITY" TO ACCOMODATE "VARIOUS (FUTURE) DEVELOPMENTS AND POSSIBILITIES".  
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